

IRB/IACUC Certification Updates

We submitted an umbrella approval to the University of Southern California IRB on October 9, 2003 and received approval on October 13, 2003 (see attached approval).

Project 1 (Urban Air Pollution and Persistent Early Life Asthma) was submitted to the University of Southern California IRB for consideration on February 19, 2004 and was reviewed by the IRB on March 11, 2004. The proposal was accepted with contingencies on March 11, 2004. The requested stipulations were addressed and were submitted to the IRB on March 31, 2004 and approved (see attached) with the contingency that the community groups involved obtain IRB approval at their respective institutions (currently obtaining approval).

Project 2 (Pollution-Enhanced Allergic Inflammation and Phase II Enzymes) was approved by the UCLA Human Subjects Protection Committee on November 18, 2003 and the UCLA IACUC committee on February 26, 2004. The UCLA IRB approval was submitted to the USC IRB for expedited review on March 22, 2004 and was approved on March 30, 2004 (see attached approvals). The UCLA IACUC approval and supporting documentation was submitted to the USC IACUC committee on April 1, 2004 and it is scheduled for review on April 21, 2004. The IACUC sub-committee met on April 21, 2004 and the PI has responded to the requested stipulations for review at the April 28, 2004 IACUC board meeting. The IACUC approved the proposal on April 28, 2004 (see attached approval).

Project 3 (Air Pollution, Exhaled Breath Markers and Asthma in Susceptible Children) was submitted to the USC IRB for consideration on February 19, 2004 and was reviewed by the IRB on March 4, 2004. The proposal was accepted with contingencies on March 4, 2004. The requested stipulations were addressed and were submitted to the IRB on March 19, 2004. The study was approved on March 25, 2004 (see attached approval).

The Community Outreach and Translation Core submitted a proposal for its evaluation components. The proposal for expedited review was accepted with contingencies on March 5, 2004.

The human subjects activities of the Exposure Assessment and Modeling Core are fully contained within Projects 1 and 3; therefore, separate IRB approval is not needed.